



# Acton-Boxborough Special Education Parent Advisory Council (AB SpEd PAC)

Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library

## Agenda

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of Minutes

Review and approval of June 8, 2016, meeting minutes

### III. Organization/Business Issues

- A. Student Services Staffing & Organizational Changes
- B. Updates from Summer Meeting with New Student Services Leadership
  - 1. Open Issue & Budget Plan Follow Up
  - 2. Implementation of Massachusetts Tiered System of Support
- C. Updates from Monthly Meeting with Director of Special Education
- D. Seek Candidates for Secretary & Elect New Officer(s)
- E. New Guidance from Federal Department of Education & State RE: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Behavioral Supports, Transition
- F. Speaker & Support Group Schedule for the Year
  - 1. Cosponsoring Sarah Ward March 7, 2017, as part of Family Learning Series
  - 2. First Support Group Meeting Saturday, September 17, from 1-3 p.m. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Acton

### IV. New Business – Other topics on people's minds

### V. Open Issues

- A. MCAS – 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA performance for students with disabilities is weak
- B. Concerns about the process for combining outside specialists' recommendations with district evaluations/recommendations and appropriately incorporating those recommendations into the IEP
- C. Mandatory special education training/professional development for regular and special education staff – hiring dual-certified staff
- D. Enhanced Extended School Year, before-, and after-school programming
- E. Increased use of technology in IEP development, revision, & communication
- F. Out of District findings from 2015 parent/guardian survey counter overall positive trend
- G. Need for consistent K-12 executive functioning curriculum

### VI. Adjournment

*All AB SpEd PAC meetings are open to the public. We encourage parents of children with special needs and others interested in special education to attend. Please check our website ([www.abspedpac.org](http://www.abspedpac.org)) for information regarding upcoming events.*

### VII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Grey Junior High library